

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Office Action of April 12, 2006 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Terminal Disclaimer, Amendment to the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

pending claims 1-18 are unchanged;
claims 31 and 47 are cancelled; and
withdrawn claims 19-30, 32-46 and 48 are cancelled.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 112, second paragraph Rejections

The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the clarity rejections of claims 31 and 47 based on the above-described amendment cancelling these claims.

Regarding Non-Statutory Double Patenting Rejections

With respect to the Examiner's provisional non-statutory double patenting rejections of pending claim 1 over the indicated claims of US Patent Nos. 6,944,970 and 6,920,704 and copending Application Nos. 10/760,257, 10/760,251, 10/760,240, 10/760,226, 10/760,224, 10/760,269, 10/760,266, 10/760,260, 10/760,241, 10/760,230, 10/760,215 and 10/760,214, the Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c); the present application and US Patent Nos. 6,944,970 and 6,920,704 and copending Application Nos. 10/760,257, 10/760,251, 10/760,240, 10/760,226, 10/760,224, 10/760,269, 10/760,266, 10/760,260, 10/760,241, 10/760,230, 10/760,215 and 10/760,214 being commonly owned by the Applicant.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections and rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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